

(1) The institutional mission statement, i.e., a broad statement of purpose, that identifies the institution's distinguishing characteristics, including the characteristics of the students the institution serves and plans to serve and the programs of study it offers and proposes to offer.

(2) Data for the past three academic years reflecting the number and required qualifications of the teaching and administrative staff, the number of students enrolled, attendance rates, dropout rates, graduation rates, rate of job placement or college enrollment after graduation, and the most significant scholastic problems affecting the student population.

(3) A description of how the institution is responsive to the current and projected labor market needs in its geographic area, including the institution's plans for placement of students.

(4) Assumptions concerning the institutional environment, the potential number of students to be served, enrollment trends, and economic factors that could affect the institution.

(5) Major problems or deficiencies that inhibit the institution from realizing its mission.

(6) Long-range and short-range goals that will chart the growth and development of the institution and address the problems identified under paragraph (b)(5) of this section.

(7) Measurable objectives related to reaching each goal.

(8) Time-frames for achieving the goals and objectives described in paragraphs (b)(6) and (7) of this section.

(9) Priorities for implementing improvements concerning instructional and student support, capital expenditures, equipment, and other priority areas.

(10) Major resource requirements necessary to achieve the institution's goals and objectives, including personnel, finances, equipment, and facilities.

(11) A detailed budget identifying the costs to be paid with a grant under this program and resources available from other Federal, State, and local sources that will be used to achieve the institution's goals and objectives. Budget and cost information must be sufficiently detailed to enable the Secretary to de-

termine the amount of payments pursuant to section 386(b)(2) of the Act. The statement must include information on allowable expenses listed in § 410.30.

(12) Strategies and resources for objectively evaluating the institution's progress towards, and success in, achieving its goals and objectives.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2397b, 2397c(a), 2397d(b)(2)(B), and 2397f)

Subpart C—How Does the Secretary Make an Award?

§ 410.20 How does the Secretary apply the selection criteria in § 410.21?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application on the basis of the criteria in § 410.21.

(b) The Secretary may award up to 100 points, including a reserved 15 points to be distributed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, based on the criteria in § 410.21.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this section, the maximum possible score for each criterion in § 410.21 is indicated in parentheses after the heading for each criterion.

(d) For each competition as announced through a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may assign the reserved points among the criteria in § 410.21.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2397-2397h)

§ 410.21 What selection criteria does the Secretary use for institutional support grants?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate an application for an institutional support grant:

(a) *Institutional goals and objectives.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant's current and future institutional goals and objectives are—

(1) Realistic and defined in terms of measurable results; and

(2) Directly related to the problems to be solved.

(b) *Comprehensive development plan.* (25 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to

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which the plan is effectively designed to meet the applicant's current and future institutional goals and objectives, including instructional and student support needs, and equipment and capital requirements.

(c) *Implementation strategy.* (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which an applicant's implementation strategy—

(1) For each major activity funded under this program, is comprehensive and likely to be effective, taking into account the applicant's past performance and the data for the past three academic years reflecting the number and required qualifications of the teaching and administrative staff, the number of students enrolled, attendance rates, dropout rates, graduation rates, rate of job placement or college enrollment after graduation, and the most significant scholastic problems affecting the student population;

(2) Includes a realistic timetable for each such activity; and

(3) Includes a staff management plan likely to ensure effective administration of the project activities.

(d) *Budget and cost effectiveness.* (20 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which—

(1) The budget is adequate to support the proposed activities to be funded under this program, including capital expenditures and acquisition of equipment, if applicable;

(2) Costs are necessary and reasonable in relation to similar activities the institution carried out in previous years; and

(3) The budget narrative justifies the expenditures.

(e) *Evaluation plan.* (10 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the evaluation plan the institution plans to use to determine its progress towards, and success in, achieving its goals and objectives, including the extent to which—

(1) The plan identifies, at a minimum, types of data to be collected, expected outcomes, and how those outcomes will be measured;

(2) The methods of evaluation are appropriate and, to the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable; and

(3) The methods of evaluation provide periodic data that can be used for ongoing program improvement.

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§410.22 What additional factors does the Secretary consider?

(a) After evaluating applications according to the criteria in §410.21 and consulting, to the extent practicable, with boards of trustees and the tribal governments chartering the institutions being considered, the Secretary determines whether the most highly rated applications are equitably distributed among Indian tribes.

(b) The Secretary may select other applications for funding if doing so would improve the distribution of projects among Indian tribes.

(c) In addition to the criteria in §410.21, the Secretary considers whether funding a particular applicant duplicates an effort already being made.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2397–2397h)

§410.23 How does the Secretary select grantees for institutional support grants?

(a) The Secretary selects at least two eligible applicants for funding.

(b) If only one or two applicants are eligible, the Secretary selects each eligible applicant. The amount of each grant is determined by the quality of the application, based on the selection criteria in §410.22, and the respective needs of the applicants.

(c) If there are more than two eligible applicants, the Secretary ranks each application using the selection criteria in §410.22. The Secretary funds two or more applicants. The number of grants made and the amount of each grant is determined by taking into account the quality of the applications and the respective needs of the applicants.

(d) For fiscal years subsequent to the first year of funding, the Secretary follows the procedure in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, except that if appropriations for that fiscal year are not sufficient to pay in full the total amount that approved applicants are eligible to receive, the Secretary